(d) if so, what are the details thereof and what action has been taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Findings and recommendtaions of the various committees are examined by the Officers of the Ministry.

(b) The findings of the Special Team and the Kelkar Committee were also examined by Officers in the Ministry.

(c) to (d) A number of anomalies in the report of the Kelkar Committee and complaints about suppressing of liabilities in the case of findings of Special Team were received. A Standing Committee was constituted to go into the anomalies in the recommendations of Kelkar Committee. It was also decided to separately the findings of the Special Team.

Production of essential drugs

887. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the decontrol of prices and an increase in profitability of a large number of drugs under the 1986 policy led to increased production of essential drugs,

(b) if so, what are the comparative production figures;

(c) how much of the total production of drugs is consumed by the Government sector both Central and State; and

(d) whether the essential drugs in the country are still in shortage and the prices are so high that it is very difficult for a common man to purchase them?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Several essential and mand, de-licensing of drugs, availability increase in production in recent years due mass consumption drugs have registered to several reasons including increased de of technoolgy etc.

(b) Production of monitored drugs is published regularily in the annual Performance Budgets of this Ministry copies of which are available in the Parliament Library.

(c) This is not monitored by this Ministry.

(d) There is no shortage of drugs. The prices of essential drugs are controlled under DPCO.

Production of drugs needed for National Health Programme

888. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) what are the comparative production figures of foreign companies both FERA and ex-FERA and Indian companies in the production of drugs required for National Health Programme;

(b) what percentage of drugs produced by the organised sector (in terms of sales turnover) is in the controlled category; and

(c) what are the names of the bulk drugs for which the Small Scale accounts for more than 25 per cent of the production?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Details of production of drugs used for National Health Pro